

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following paragraph:

**MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS AND SYSTEM  
FOR DRIVING A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM**

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

Fig. 4 shows a circuit block diagram of the recording driver. Prior to the start of recording operation, the controller 18 sets the pulse amplitude and time length of the recording current, and an asymptotic value of the current amplitude following the pulse waveform, in the current generating circuit 23. A switch 24 is controlled in accordance with a recording signal giving the time length of the recording pattern, whereby the polarity is inversed and a rising recording current is supplied to the recording head [[14]]  
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